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For: HIGH-SPEED SAMPLING OF SIGNALS IN  
ACTIVE PIXEL SENSORS

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Examiner: J. P. Misleh

**SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Applicants thank Examiner Misleh for his time on the May 15, 2009 teleconference with Applicants' representative Matt Weinstein, during which the outstanding 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection over Merrill and Sauer was discussed. As per the conversation, Applicants are filing this supplemental request for reconsideration to more particularly detail their argument that Sauer explicitly teaches away from combination with Merrill in the manner the Office suggests.

According to the Final Office Action dated January 16, 2009, claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, 15, 17, 19, 20, and 40-41 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,512,544 to Merrill et al. ("Merrill") in view of Sauer (US 6,320,616). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As previously discussed, claim 1 defines a method of processing pixel signals and recites, among other things "clamping a pixel readout line to a voltage level less than a voltage corresponding to a pixel signal; *subsequently* coupling the pixel readout line to an output of a